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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing software in a system, comprising:  
2 during an installation procedure, providing a user prompt to request entry of a key;  
3 determining whether an entered key is proper;  
4 in response to determining that the entered key is proper, installing the software in the  
5 system and storing the entered key; [[and]]  
6 in response to determining that the entered key is not proper, installing the software in the  
7 system and enabling activation of first code to prompt for entry of the key at a later time;  
8 after enabling activation of the first code, executing the first code during a boot procedure  
9 of the system; and  
10 during execution of the first code, providing another prompt for entry of a second key.

1 2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, further comprising:  
2 determining, by the first code, whether the second key is proper; and  
3 not executing the installed software in response to the second key not being proper.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising storing the second key in a registry  
2 in response to the second key being proper.

1 5. (Cancelled)

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 4, further comprising:  
2 during execution of the installed software, providing a prompt for entry of a ~~second a~~  
3 third key.

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- 1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2 determining whether the ~~second~~ third key is proper; and  
3 stopping execution of the installed software in response to determining that the ~~second~~  
4 third key is not proper.
- 1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 during execution of the installed software, providing a prompt for entry of a ~~second~~ third  
3 key;  
4 determining whether the ~~second~~ third key is proper; and  
5 stopping execution of the installed software in response to determining that the ~~second~~  
6 third key is not proper.
- 1 9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
2 a processor; and  
3 a storage containing installation code for operating software executable by the processor,  
4 the installation code when executed to cause the processor to:  
5 provide a prompt to request entry of a first key;  
6 determine whether the first key is proper;  
7 in response to determining that the first key is proper, install the operating  
8 software and store the first key in the storage; [[and]]  
9 in response to determining that the first key is not proper, install the operating  
10 software and enable activation of first code to prompt for entry of a key at a later time;  
11 after enabling activation of the first code, execute the first code during a boot  
12 procedure of the system,  
13 wherein execution of the first code causes the processor to:  
14 provide another prompt for entry of a second key; and  
15 determine whether the second key is proper.
- 1 10. – 11. (Cancelled)

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1 12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[11]] 9, wherein execution of the first code  
2 causes the processor to further:  
3 in response to determining that the second key is proper, enable execution of the  
4 operating software and store the second key in the storage; and  
5 in response to determining that the second key is not proper, not execute the operating  
6 software.

1 13. - 14. (Cancelled)

1 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the storage contains a registry to  
2 store the first key in response to determining that the first key is proper.

1 16. (Currently Amended) An article comprising at least one storage medium containing  
2 instructions that when executed cause a system to:  
3 during an installation procedure, provide a user prompt to request entry of a key;  
4 determine whether an entered key is proper;  
5 in response to determining that the entered key is proper, install the software in the  
6 system and store the entered key; [[and]]  
7 in response to determining that the entered key is not proper, install the software in the  
8 system and enable activation of first code to prompt for entry of the key at a later time;  
9 after enabling activation of the first code, execute the first code during a boot procedure  
10 of the system; and  
11 during execution of the first code, provide another prompt for entry of a second key.

1 17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Currently Amended) The article of claim [[17]] 16, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the system to further:  
3 determine, by the first code, whether the second key is proper; and  
4 not execute the installed software in response to the second key not being proper.

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1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim [[19]] 18, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the system to further:  
3 during execution of the installed software, provide a prompt of another key in response to  
4 the entered key and the second key not being proper.